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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Ricky Alton ADAMS, et al.

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Title: COMPOSITE FLUID DISTRIBUTION AND  
FLUID RETENTION LAYER HAVING MACHINE  
DIRECTION ZONES AND Z-DIRECTION GRADIENTS  
FOR PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Group No. 1771

Examiner: J. Boyd

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Respectfully submitted,

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